

State of North Carolina Office of the Governor

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PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY FOR 2005 INAUGURATION

RALEIGH—The inauguration ceremony for the governor, lieutenant governor and Council of State members is scheduled for January 15, 2005 at 11:00 a.m., and will take place in front of the State Library.

The ceremony will be followed by a parade through downtown Raleigh and a wide range of activities for families and children. All of the day's events will celebrate North Carolina's rich and diverse musical, culinary and cultural heritage. The inauguration ceremony and festivities are free and open to the public.

The Junior League of Raleigh will host North Carolina's 2005 Inaugural Ball, which will take place on the evening of January 15, 2005. The Junior League can be reached at 919/645-1118 or www.jlraleigh.org.

For more information about the inaugural ceremony and festivities or to volunteer or participate in any of the activities, please contact the 2005 North Carolina Inaugural Committee Office.

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